

WI-214
Phoebus-Wallace House
Allen
Private

c. 1890 and earlier

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1870 United States census as a 26-year old sailor. The property remained in Phoebus and related Wallace family hands until the early 1970s when it was sold to the current owners.

RESOURCE NAME: Phoebe-Wallace House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-214

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

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2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-214

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Phoebus-Wallace House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3355 Allen Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Allen ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Norris and Barbara Howard

street & number 3355 Allen Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Tax Map 66, P. 19
liber 795

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 484

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically identified as the Phoebus-Wallace house, this two-story, three-bay center hall frame dwelling is located at 3355 Allen Road in the community of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, single-pile dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on north/south axis.

Dating to the turn of the twentieth century and earlier, the two-story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards with the corners trimmed with beaded corner boards. The steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing that is thought by the owner to predate the main block. The owner, Norris Howard, related that he found evidence of a former staircase in the rear wing along the wall that adjoins the front block. Any early to mid nineteenth century exterior features have been removed.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is partially glazed. A turned post front porch fully shelters the first floor, and the rafter ends are exposed. Sawn corner brackets have been restored to the porch. The second floor is pierced by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. Finishing the edge of the roof is an open eave with exposed and decorated rafter ends. A pair of single-flue brick stove chimneys rises through the roof and flank the center hall. The tops of the chimneys are finished with corbelled caps.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and an additional two-over-two sash marks the upper gable.

The east (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing, which is extended on each side by shed roofed additions. The shed roof extension on the south side is a glazed porch, while the shed roofed section to the north is enclosed with weatherboard walls. A narrow four-over-four sash window pierces the rear wall of the kitchen.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved since they exhibit good architectural details and survive with a large amount of integrity. The house adds to the historic nature of the village.

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3355 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

795/484 W. Fred Wallace, Jr
 Susie Belle Bengisser
 Robert Louis Wallace
 of Delaware County, Pennsylvania

to

7/19/1973 Norris Cornelius Howard
 Barbara Wilson Howard

EAT 43/387 Levin P. Phoebus, Singleman of Trappe

to

12/31/1904 Elizabeth Anne Phoebus
 \$200 2 acres

SPT 5/429 Orlando P. Jones
 Lizzie F. Jones

to

6/18/1883 Levin P Phoebus
 \$350 "William Turner Lot"

bounded on the north by JOhn Huffington's
lot, east by the mill pond, south by Toadvine
and Huffington's store house lot, and west by
the public road leading from Upper Trappe to
Princess Anne 2 acres

E DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

EBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Ware, Ready-made Clothing, and Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. of Merchandise usually kept in a country Fruitland, Md.

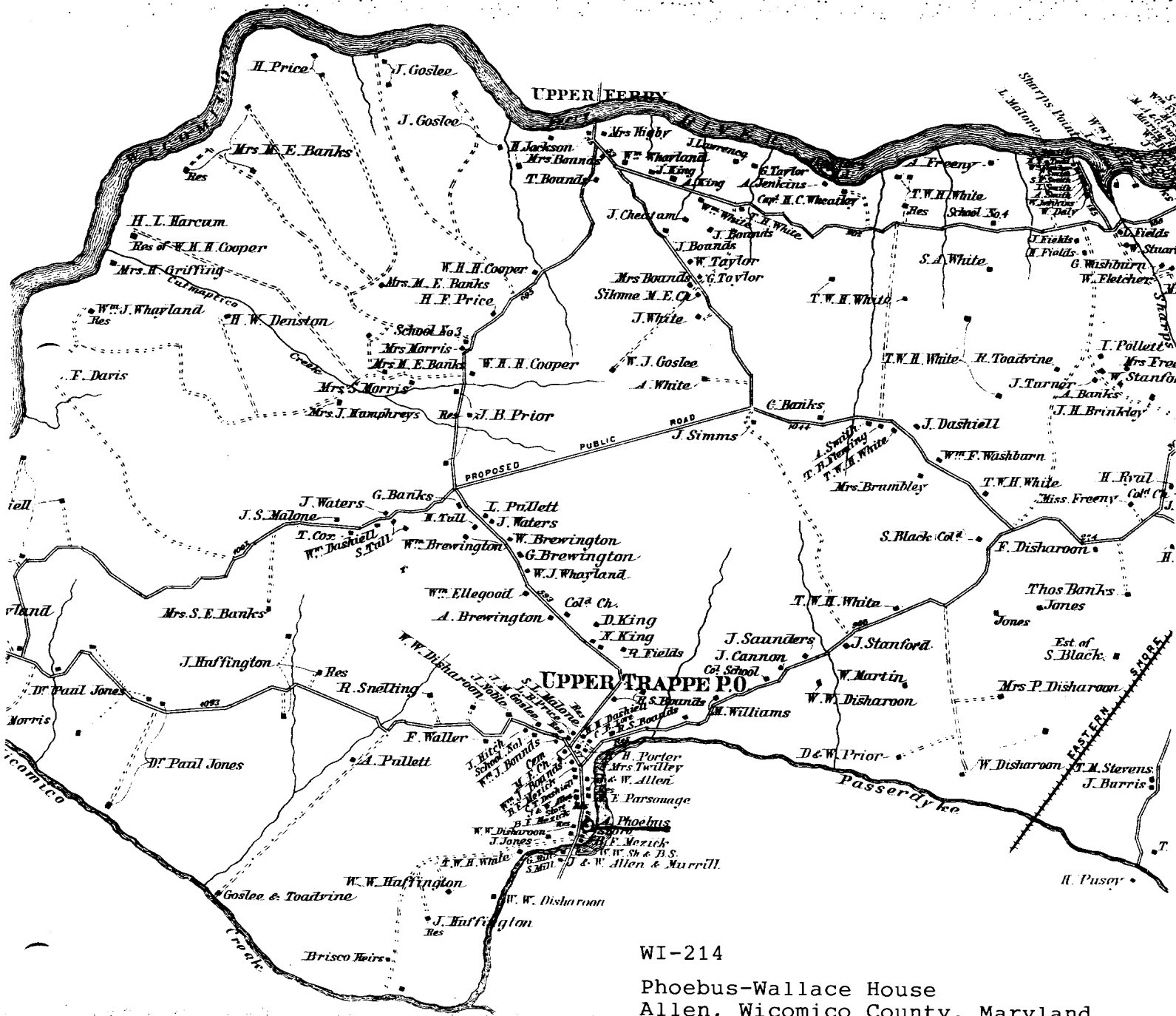
EBY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, re, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

ILANY AND SONS, General Dealers Shippers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits and Vegetables. Also dealers in all kinds of Merchandise adapted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

LEN, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and Goods usually kept in a country store. Cash or Produce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

TRAPPE

Dist.No.7
WICOMICO CO.



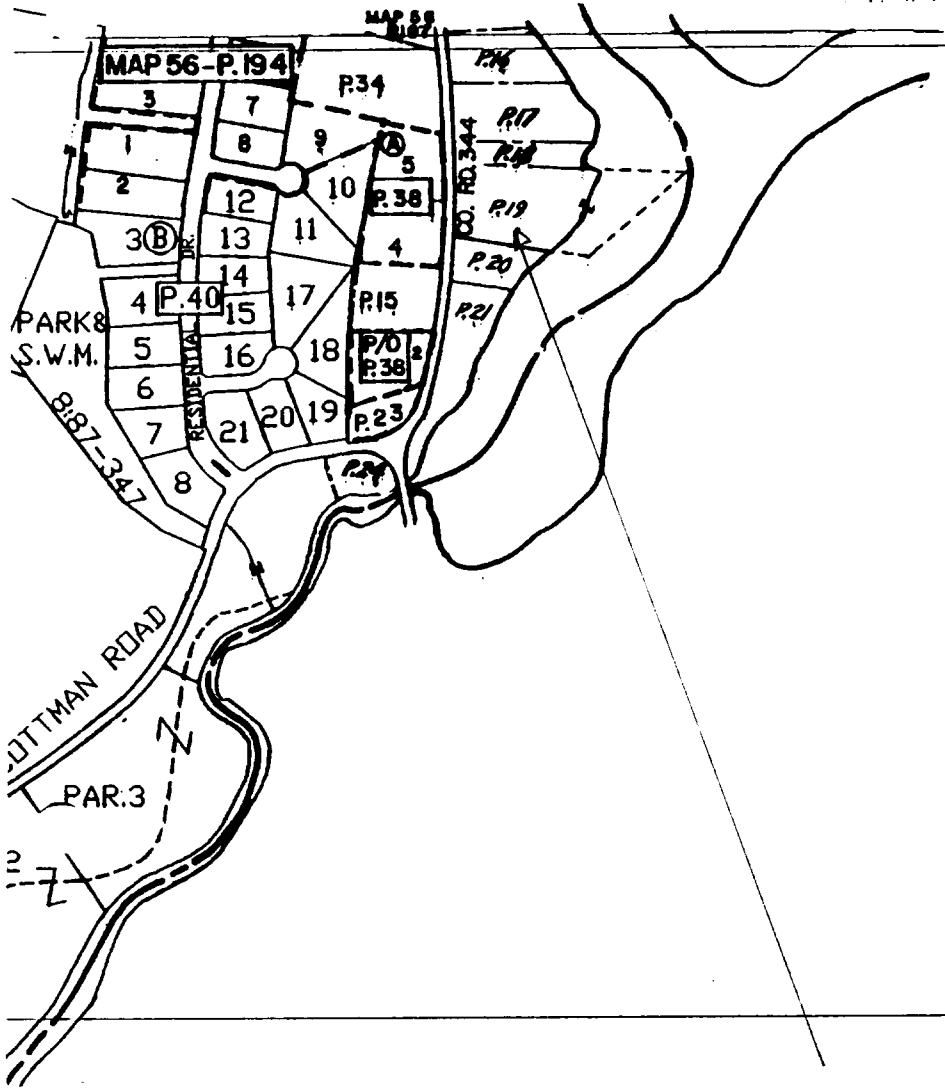
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877

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Wicomico County Tax Map 66
Parcel 19

Holy Temple

Cem Friendship

Allen

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

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Substation

CONRAIL

42'30"

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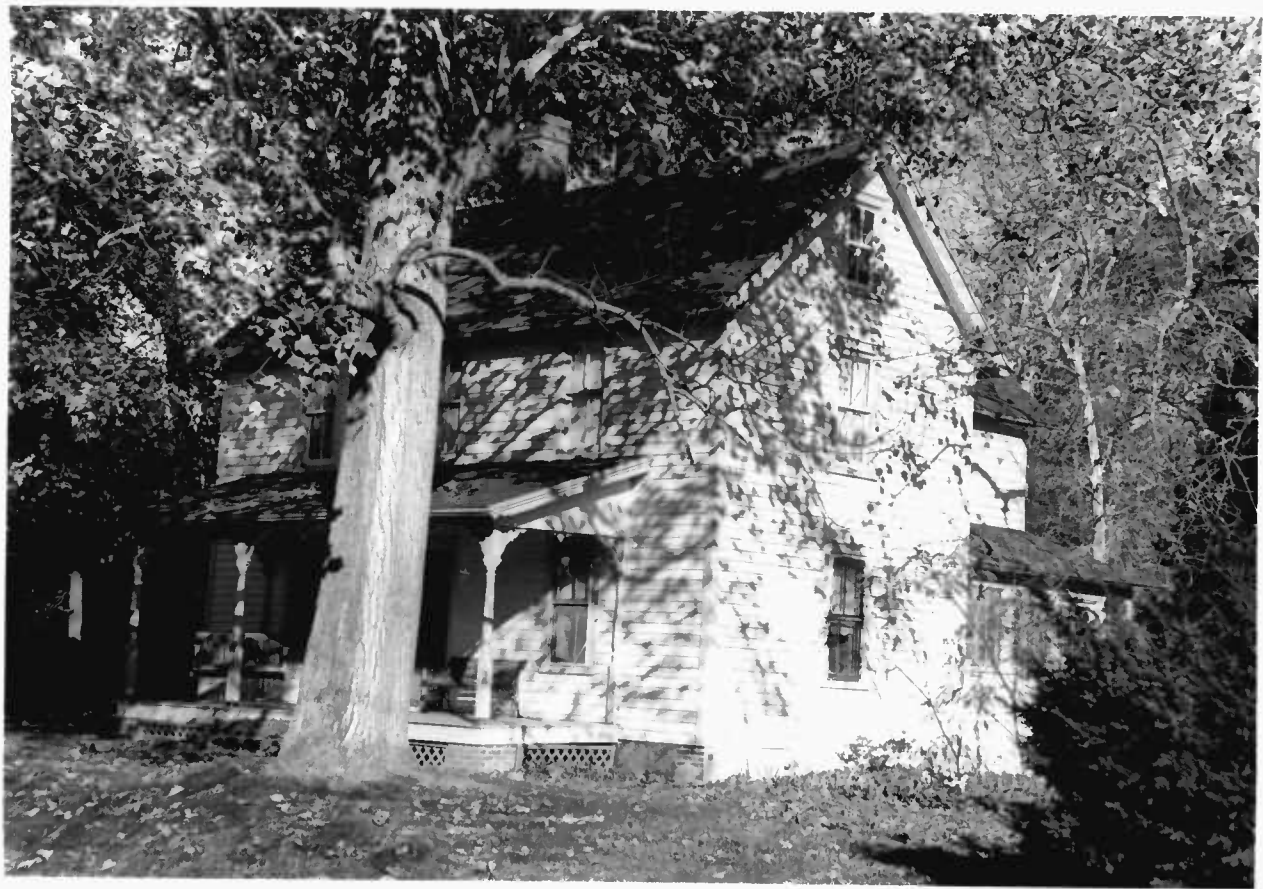
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PITOEBUS - WALLACE HOUSE

ALLEN, Wicomico County, MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

11/93, PAUL TOWNSEND, PITOEBUS

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